



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Joseph C. Salamone et al.	)	Examiner: K. M. Thornton
Serial No.: 09/738,808	)	
Filed: December 15, 2000	)	Group No.: 1744
Title: PREVENTION OF PRESERVATIVE	)	Docket No: P02389
UPTAKE INTO BIOMATERIALS	)	

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Applicant herein respectfully requests in this Petition a three (3) month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a), from November 15, 2003 to February 15, 2004, within which to submit an Appeal Brief in support of the Notice of Appeal filed on or after September 15, 2003 regarding the above-identified application.

Please charge the required non-small entity one month extension fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) as well as any additional required fee to deposit account 02-1425. Triplicate copies of this Petition are submitted herewith for billing purposes.

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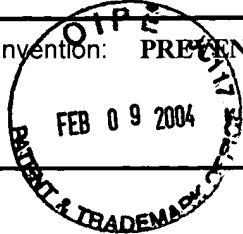
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